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## **Speed limit changes on tap for Airway Heights**

Next week, the Washington State Department of Transportation will be making some changes to the legal speed limit on US 2. The City of Airway Heights has requested these changes to reduce the speed limit on two segments of the highway within their city limits.

The speed limit will be reduced to 35 mph from about Craig Road to a point near Russell Road. This is the central business district of Airway Heights and is currently posted at 40 mph.

A second segment to the east will also have changes. The legal speed limit will be reduced to 45 mph from Lyons Street to Hazelwood Drive (about ¼ mile east of Hayford). The speed limit in that area is currently 55 mph.

The segment from Russell Rd. to Lyons Street is currently posted at 45 mph and will remain unchanged.

Signage noting these changes will begin to be posted on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The speed limit changes go into effect when the signs are in place.

Recently, a lighted crosswalk safety enhancement project was activated within the City. The revision request to 35 mph in that area is based on belief that pedestrian safety would be further enhanced by a reduction in speed. Further to the east, the speed limit will be reduced to accommodate increased commercial development along the highway.

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Note: Exact speed limit revision boundaries are as follows: 35 MPH – 0.14 miles west of Craig Rd, (Milepost 277.08) to Russell St., (MP 278.22). 45 MPH – 0.11 miles west of Lyons St, (MP 278.61) to 0.02 miles east of Hazelwood Dr, (MP 279.50). The section from Russell Street to Lyons St. (MP 278.22-278.61) is currently posted at 45 mph.